

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDING INC.

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Chapter 11 Case No. 08-13555
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CREDITORS JEAN & KERSTIN RUETZE's OPPOSITION TO DEBTOR's OBJECTION
TO CLAIMS

Creditors Jean & Kerstin Ruetze, by and through counsel, hereby respectfully opposes Debtor's Objection to Claim as it pertains to Debtor's claim nos. 12432 and 57802 for the following reasons:

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On April 7, 2007, Creditors Jean & Kerstin Ruetze purchased a security called *Topzins Zertifikat* (the "Security") issued by Lehman Brothers Treasury B.V., ISIN DE000A0MHXQ6, through Dresdner Bank Nuernberg/Germany (the "Sales Agent"), for €20,240.00 x 1.4181 = \$28,929.24 (as of September 15, 2008).

2. On or before September 22, 2009, Creditors submitted a Proof of Claim and supporting documentation, including but not limited to a Summary of Claim outlining the factual and legal basis for Creditors' claim. This claim was acknowledged as Claim No. 12432.

3. On or before October 23, 2009, Creditors electronically submitted a substantiating Memorandum in Support of Proof of Claim and additional documentation further specifying and developing the nature and extent of Creditors' claim.

4. On or before November 3, 2009, Creditors submitted of Program Securities Proof of Claim. This claim was acknowledged as Claim No. 57802.

5. Creditors assert four different causes of action against the Debtor to recover the amount claimed. Three of those causes of action are based upon securities, tort, and contract law; the fourth cause is based upon a guarantee the Debtor has given to the Creditors in case the payor defaults under the terms of the security further specified in ¶1. For this last cause, the Court required a distinct submission of a Program

Securities Proof Claim, but did not require any substantiating documentation to be submitted with it.

6. Creditors concede that the maximum amount allowed to recover from the Debtor is \$28,929.24. All supporting documentation has been previously submitted. Pursuant to the instructions provided, duplication production is omitted.

ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT

The Debtor may raise omnibus objections to claim asserted against the estate based upon grounds listed in F.R.Bankr.P. 3007(d).

"In cases where the creditor has filed a proof of claim, the rule is that an objection to that claim based upon an alleged preference may be resolved by motion and, as necessary, an evidentiary hearing, without the need to commence a separate adversary proceeding for each such claim." In re America's Shopping Channel, Inc., 110 B.R. 5, 7 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1990).

A court may dispose of an objection to a claim by summary judgment; a hearing is not required. See In re Manhattan Woods Golf Club Inc., 192 B.R. 80 (S.D.N.Y. 1996).

Here, Creditor's claim is based upon different causes of action. Some of these causes of action would effectively been denied if the Claim to be Disallowed and Expunged is eliminated by administrative expungement. Creditor submitted a distinct Program Securities Proof of Claim, in addition to the claims already logged on or before September 22 and substantiated by electronic submission on or before October 23. The Court's order setting the procedure to submit the various proofs of claim does not preempt one cause over another by filing separate proofs of claim to support different causes underlying the same claim, as ordered. Creditor did not submit any supporting documentation for the one cause asserted in the Program Securities Proof of Claim, as instructed. Documentation supporting the already separately asserted causes had already been submitted at that time.

To expunge these causes of action altogether – rather than substantively consolidating them with the forth cause contained in the Surviving Claim – goes beyond the scope of F.R.Bankr.P. 3007(d)(3). The rule facilitates resolutions of objections that do not entail any legal or factual disputes. Here, even though the Debtor has not

disputed the factual or legal basis of the Claim to be Disallowed and Expunged, the proper disposition is through summary judgment.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 30th day of April, 2010.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing CREDITOR'S OPPOSITION TO
TO DEBTOR'S PROPOSED EXPUNGEMENT OR DISALLOWANCE was
duly served by U.S. Express mail, appropriate postage prepaid,
upon the other parties or their attorney of record at their address
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